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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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1. AFTER PASSING WORD TO PRESS THROUGH HER PERSONAL SECRETARY LAST WEEK THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE NAC, MRS GANDHI IS APPARENTLY NOW RECONSIDERING. FOREIGN MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY FOR UN AND NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS KRISHNAN TOLD EMBOFF WITH SOME RESIGNATION TODAY THAT MINISTRY WAS PLANNING FOR MRS GANDHI TO ATTEND BUT PREPARED FOR A LAST-MINUTE CHANGE OF MIND. OFF-ON GAME APPARENTLY STEMS FROM ORIGINAL FEELING BY PM THAT DOMESTIC SITUATION REQUIRED HER PRESENCE IN COUNTRY. SUBSEQUENTLY, ARGUMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE TO HER THAT CANCELLATION OF ATTENDANCE AT NAC WOULD LEAD PEOPLE IN COUNTRY AND OUTSIDE TO CONCLUDE SITUATION WAS REALLY WORSE THAN IT IS AND WOULD BE BADLY RECEIVED BY OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES. NON-ALIGNED DIPLOMATS HAVE
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BEEN SCURRYING AROUND TRYING TO FIND LATEST WORD ON

WHETHER SHE WILL OR WON'T ATTEND. AT THIS POINT, WE WOULD
BET A VERY SMALL SUM SHE WILL.

2. ON SUBSTANCE, KRISHNAN SAID HE HAD NO HARD INFO ON
WHETHER NORTH KOREANS WOULD ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. HE
WAS COMPLETELY NON-COMMITTAL ON INDIAN POSTURE IN EVENT
UN MEMBERSHIP FOR KOREAS AROSE AT NAC. HE SAID HE
ASSUMED PRG AND GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ATTEND
SINCE THEY WERE AT KABUL PREPARATORY MEETING AND THEIR
PARTICIPATION WAS NOT CHALLENGED. EMBOFF (AND MINISTER ON
EARLIER OCCASION) REVIEWED ARGUMENTS IN REFTELS IN DISCUSSING
BOTH POINTS WITH KRISHNAN. KRISHNAN RESTATED INDIAN VIEW
REPORTED IN NEW DELHI 8973, CORRECTING INDIAN POSITION ON
PRG AT GEORGETOWN NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
TO NOTE THAT GOI HAD NOT RPT NOT OPPOSED PRG PARTICIPATION
AT THAT MEETING BUT ONLY RESERVED ITS POSITION ON SIHANOUK
REGIME.
MOYNIHAN

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